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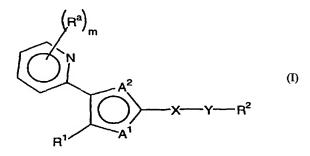
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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (I) possess unexpectedly high affinity for Alk 5 and/or Alk 4, and can be useful as antagonists thereof for preventing and/or treating numerous diseases, including fibrotic disorders. In one embodiment, the invention features a compound of the general formula (I).

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<b>X</b>	DATABASE CAPLUS on STN(COLUMBUS, OH, USA), No. 130:139196, 'Total synthesis of endothelin-converting enzyme antagonist WS75624 B' Huang et al. Tetrahedron Letters, Vol. 39, No. 51, pages 9335-9338 (1998), see RN 220089-80-5.	1, 2, 11, 13, 18, 19
X	DATABASE CASPLUS on STN (COLUMBUS, OH, USA), No. 87:135172, 'Reaction of 5-chloropyridin-2yl-thioureas with phenacyl bromides:a new thiazole synthesis. x-ray crystal structure of 5-(5-chloropyridin-2yl)-2-diethylamino-4-phenylthiazole' LeCount et al. J. of Chem. Society, chem commun. 1997, Vol. 8, pages.282-283. See RN 64228-09-7.	1, 2, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)
This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:
1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).
Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)
This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
Please See Extra Sheet.
1. X As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid.

Group I, claims 1-20,26-49, wherein X is monocyclic cyloalkyl, drawn to compounds, compositions and method using material which has at least three ring core including a monocyclic cycloalkyl.

Group II, claims 1-20, 26-49, wherein X is bicyclic cycloalkyl, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of using material has at least three ring core with one being bicycloalkyl.

Group III, claims 1-49, wherein X is heteroalkyl, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of using material has at least three monoheterocyclic ring core.

Group IV, claims 1-20, 26-49, wherein X is bicyclic heterocycle, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of using material has at least three heterocycle ring core with one being bicyclic heteroalkyl.

The inventions listed as Groups I-IV do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: under Administrative Instruction Annex B, regarding Markush practice, it was stated that in paragraph (f)(i)(B)(2)v, "When dealing with alternatives, if it can be shown that at least one Markush alternative is not novel over the prior art, the question of unity of invention shall be reconsidered by the examiner".

In the instant case, the compounds wherein X is monocyclic cycloalkyl is not novel (see CA 136:325539 RN 412351-70-3) and does not share the same utility. Therefore, unity of invention is lacking since the core structure must include the X ring each of which is a separate class of compounds.